

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION**

Licensed Pool & Spa Barrier Assessment Checklist

Public Outdoor Pool/Spa Barriers

- ☐ Barrier Height: minimum 72" high
- ☐ Door Access: open away from the pool, self-closing, self-latching with the release mechanism a minimum of 54" from the floor
- ☐ Gate Type: open away from the pool area, self-closing, self-latching, lockable
- ☐ Latch Height:
 - ☐ Non-pool side: minimum 54" from the bottom of the gate
 - ☐ Pool side: 3" from the top of the gate
- ☐ Latch Area: no opening greater than ½" within 18" of the latch
- ☐ Ground Clearance:
 - ☐ Solid Ground: no more than 4" (ex. concrete)
 - ☐ Non-solid Ground: no more than 2" (ex. grass, gravel, etc.)
- ☐ Horizontal Members:
 - ☐ 45" apart or greater: vertical member spacing maximum of 4 inches with cutouts not exceeding 1¾"
 - ☐ Less than 45" apart: horizontal members must be pool side; vertical member and cutout spacing maximum of 1¾"
- ☐ Barrier Types:
 - ☐ Chain Link: maximum mesh size 1¼" or 1¾" if fastened slats present
 - ☐ Latticework: maximum opening size of 1¾"
 - ☐ Solid Wall: no indentations or protrusions excluding normal construction
 - ☐ Screened: lower 36" to be hardened

Facility Name: _____ Facility Address: _____

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Pool Safety Officer: _____ Date: _____



Semi-Public Pool/Spa Barriers (Hotel/Motel/Apartment/Condominium)

- ☐ Barrier Height: minimum 48" high
- ☐ Door Access: open away from the pool, self-closing, self-latching with the release mechanism a minimum of 54" from the floor
- ☐ Gate Type: open away from the pool area, self-closing, self-latching, lockable
- ☐ Latch Height:
 - ☐ Non-pool side: minimum 54" from the bottom of the gate
 - ☐ Pool side: 3" from the top of the gate
- ☐ Latch Area: no opening greater than ½" within 18" of the latch
- ☐ Ground Clearance:
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Above Ground Pools

- ☐ Barrier: Must meet the appropriate requirement for either public or semi-public
- ☐ Pool Wall: May be part of the barrier
- ☐ Ladders: Must be securable, lockable, removable, or enclosed by the barrier

Safety Covers

- ☐ Covers: must meet performance standards as set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) in Standard F1346-91, *Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs*.